



## Education Report: Request to consult on the proposed decapitation of Sunnyhills School (1515)

<b>To:</b>	Hon Jan Tinetti, Associate Minister of Education (School Operations)		
<b>Date:</b>	26 January 2023	<b>Priority:</b>	Medium
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<b>Messaging seen by Communications team:</b>	No	<b>Round Robin:</b>	No

### Purpose of Report

This report seeks your approval to consult with the boards of schools whose rolls might be affected in relation to Sunnyhills School's application to change from a Year 1-8 full primary school to a Year 1-6 contributing primary school under section 194 of the Education and Training Act 2020.

### Summary

1. Sunnyhills School (1515) is a decile 9, co-educational, Year 1–8 full primary school located in Pakuranga, Auckland.
2. The Board has advised that it has not had Year 7 and 8 students for many years and would like their status formally changed to a Year 1-6 contributing school.
3. There is a strong pathway for students from Sunnyhills School through to Farm Cove Intermediate School and then to Pakuranga College.
4. The likely impact of this change on other school rolls is expected to be minimal as they currently don't enrol children in Year 7-8.
5. A change from Year 1-8 to Year 1-6 under section 194(1) of the Education and Training Act 2020 (the Act), requires you to consult with the boards of all state schools whose roll might be affected as required under section 209 of the Act. If you agree to proceed with consultation, we will conduct this on your behalf.

## Recommended Actions

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We recommend that you:

- a) **note** that we have received an application from the Board of Sunnyhills School to decapitate the school and change from a Year 1-8 full primary school to a Year 1-6 contributing primary school;
- b) **note** that under section 209 of the Education and Training Act 2020, before determining that a full primary school is to become a contributing primary school, you must first consult with the boards of state schools whose rolls might be affected; and
- c) **agree** that that we will undertake consultation on your behalf with the boards of schools whose rolls might be affected by the possible decapitation of Sunnyhills School.

☒ Agree/ ☐ Disagree

If you agree, you are asked to:

- d) **sign** the attached letters to the Presiding Member of the Board of Sunnyhills School and the local Members of Parliament informing them of your decision.

We also recommend that you:

- e) **agree** that this Education Report be proactively released. Any information that might need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

☒ Agree/ ☐ Disagree



Isabel Evans  
**Hautū | Deputy Secretary**  
**Te Mahau | Te Tai Raro**

25 / 01 / 2023



Hon Jan Tinetti  
**Associate Minister of Education**  
**(School Operations)**

26 / 01 / 2023

## Background

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1. Sunnyhills School (1515) is a decile 9, co-educational, Year 1–8 full primary school located in Pakuranga, Auckland. It is located in the Howick Botany Pakuranga catchment of the National Education Growth Plan (NEGP) with has been identified as an area of steady growth.
2. The school opened in 1970, classified as a Year 1-8 full primary school.
3. The Board has applied to change from a Year 1-8 full primary school to a Year 1-6 contributing primary school. The Board has advised that it has not had Year 7 and 8 students for many years and would like to formally change their status to a Year 1-6 contributing primary school.
4. The July 2022 roll was 465, Year 1-6 students. The likely impact of this change on other school rolls is expected to be minimal.
5. Although it is unclear when the school ceased taking Year 7 and 8 students, we believe it was probably in 1979, when Farm Cove Intermediate School opened. We consider there is a strong educational pathway from Sunnyhills School through to Farm Cove Intermediate School and then onto Pakuranga College.
6. A proposed change of this type would occur under section 194(1) of the Education and Training Act 2020 (the Act). As part of this process, section 209 of the Act requires you to consult with the board of the applicant school, and with the boards of state schools whose rolls might be affected. The Ministry will conduct this consultation on your behalf.

## Network, Property and Finances

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7. There are no network, property or financial implications associated with this proposal as the Year 7-8 students in this catchment already enrol at Farm Cover Intermediate School.

## Consultation

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8. The following neighbouring schools have been identified as part of Sunnyhills School's local schooling network and through this consultation we would advise their boards of the proposed decapitation and seek any comments on the proposal to officially change the school to Year 1-6 contributing school.

School	School Type
Wakaaranga School (1560)	Year 1-6
Pigeon Mountain School (1439)	Year 1-6
Elm Park School (1269)	Year 1-6
Pakuranga Heights School (1416)	Year 1-6
Pakuranga Intermediate School (1417)	Year 7-8
Farm Cove Intermediate School (1272)	Year 7-8

## Next Steps

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9. If you agree to initiate consultation, we will consult on your behalf and prepare an Education Report providing you with the feedback on the proposal and seeking your decision.

## Proactive release

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10. It is intended that this report be proactively released. Any information that might need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

## Annexes

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| Annex 1 | Letters to the Presiding Member of the Board and Local Members of Parliament |
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# Hon Jan Tinetti

Minister of Internal Affairs  
Minister for Women  
Associate Minister of Education



Kylee Long  
Presiding Member  
Sunnyhills School  
17 The Crest  
Sunnyhills  
Auckland 2010

Tēnā koe Kylee

Thank you for your application to change Sunnyhills School from a Year 1-8 full primary school to a Year 1-6 contributing primary school. I appreciate that your school has not enrolled Year 7-8 students for some years and this change will regularise your current practice.

Under section 209 of the Education and Training Act 2020, I am required to consult with your Board and the boards of all state schools whose rolls might be affected by this change. The Ministry of Education will undertake this consultation on my behalf.

When consultation is complete, the Ministry will inform me of the feedback received and advise me on your proposal. When I have considered this advice, I will then be able to make a final decision.

If you have any queries about this process please contact Ken White, Senior Advisor at [ken.white@education.govt.nz](mailto:ken.white@education.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

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Hon Jan Tinetti  
**Associate Minister of Education  
(School Operations)**

# Hon Jan Tinetti

Minister of Internal Affairs  
Minister for Women  
Associate Minister of Education



Simeon Brown  
Member of Parliament for Pakuranga  
Parliament Buildings

Tēnā koe Simeon

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Hon Jan Tinetti  
**Associate Minister of Education**  
**(School Operations)**

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Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Member of Parliament for Hauraki- Waitomo  
Parliament Buildings

Tēnā koe Nanaia

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